

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 18 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 – 10 and 15 – 18 are amended. Support for the amendment to claims 5 and 16 can be found in original Claim 1. The remaining claim amendments were made to revise claim dependencies. Claims 1 and 11 – 14 are canceled. Claims 19 – 23 are new. Support for Claim 19 can be found in original Claim 3. Support for Claim 20 can be found in original Claim 6. Support for Claim 21 can be found in original Claim 7. Support for Claim 22 can be found in original Claim 8. Support for Claim 23 can be found in original Claim 9. Additional support for the claim amendments and newly added claims can be found throughout the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments or addition of new claims.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1 – 11 and 14 – 18 for using the term “obtainable.” Claim 1 has been incorporated into Claims 5 and 16. Applicants have changed “obtainable” to “obtained” in Claims 5 and 16 to improve the clarity of the claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections related to the use of the term “obtainable.”

Applicants appreciated the indication that Claims 5 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 5 and 16 now include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As amended, Claims 5 and 16 should be in form for allowance. All of the remaining dependent claims depend from Claims 5 or 16. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in form for allowance.

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Applicants believe that the amended claims submitted herein are now in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in light of the above analysis. Applicant reserves the right to file additional applications related to the presently claimed invention. In order to facilitate the resolution of any questions presented by this paper, Applicants request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 713-787-1554 to further the discussion, reconsideration, and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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